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**From:** Pam Baker <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 8:26 AM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Pam Baker

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**Public Comment:** I am writing in support of the Delaware STEM Academy. This charter school will fill a need for more STEM education and will contribute to Delaware educating students to become leaders in industries most needed.

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**From:** Candace Berkowitz <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Candace Berkowitz

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**Public Comment:** I encourage the full support of the Delaware S.T.E.M. School. I know the passion vision and commitment of Brett Taylor to this important project benefiting the children and families of Delaware. Delaware STEM is offering a very strong preparation for the needs of our state, national and world communities and economies. The preparation to study and answer the problems of sustainability of water and land resources, food production and clean safe technology to be used for the highest good lie in the young people right now as they prepare to take their places as vital participants in the health and well being of human life on this planet. Small schools are excellent places to learn grow and connect for discovery, discourse, development and success. I support and encourage full support by the state for this school. Thank you.

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**From:** Gregory Pawlowski <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Gregory Pawlowski

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**Public Comment:** I have been an engineering instructor with Deltech's Stanton campus for 20 years. Many of my students lack solid math and science skills despite their recent graduation from high school. The STEM Academy will reinforce critical math and science material and give students both theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of engineering. Students entering Deltech or any other 4-year Engineering program will excel their first year when many students fail due to the strong math and science skills they build at the academy.

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**From:** Eraina Goodman <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 4:35 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Eraina Goodman

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**Public Comment:** I apologize for not being able to be present tonight however, I would like to express my support for the STEM ACADEMY. My son needs a new start with a new school and I have heard nothing but good things about what is to come from this school and his future. He will make a difference in life and with the help of this new beginning together he can thrive to do just that. With this school there are opportunities to be gained he can benefit from his four years of schooling here. Please help in your support to open a place that will help my young man flourish as a well educated talented student and young adult.

Thank you in advance,  
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**From:** Julie Piane <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 3:02 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Julie Piane

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**Public Comment:** Please allow the Stem Academy to open. The Sciences are so crucial to our future; normal public high school does not go deep enough to prepare our kids for the intensity of a science major in college. My son is a chemistry major at the University of Delaware. He is one of the few that is making it through to graduation. The majority of his chemistry classmates changed majors or dropped out.

Our education system can and should do better for our children. I feel the Stem Academy is a key component for our future scientist, and our future scientist are a vital component to our future.

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**From:** sharon maurer <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 1:07 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** sharon maurer

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**Public Comment:** I support STEM academy. we need options for learning.

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**From:** Paul Morrill <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 1:02 PM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Paul Morrill

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**Public Comment:** The Committee of 100  
Statement in Support of the Delaware STEM Academy  
Before the Delaware State Board of Education  
May 16, 2016

The Committee of 100 strongly supports the educational model being proposed by the Delaware STEM Academy and urges the State Board of Education to allow the school to continue its start-up activities.

The Committee of 100 is a non-profit association of Delaware business leaders dedicated to the promotion of responsible economic development in the state and region. We have worked to enhance Delaware's economy since our founding almost 50 years ago in 1967.

We are sometimes asked what education has to do with economic development. And the answer is...everything! Delaware needs a well-educated, scientifically literate workforce if it expects to compete in the global economy. Companies choose where to do business in large part on where they can count on having access to skilled employees. Our education system should prepare our citizens – both young and not so young – for the workplaces of the 21st Century. Many will want and need college degrees. All will need some kind of post-secondary education or certification training.

The Delaware STEM Academy proposes to educate its students with a model we find compelling. It is becoming increasingly clear that more jobs, either in the 'creative class' or in manufacturing, will require at least a grounding in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. These jobs require employees capable of working collaboratively, being able to problem-solve, rather than simply regurgitate facts, and able to handle disruptive change. The project-based, student-centered curriculum planned by the Delaware STEM Academy will graduate students with both the soft and hard skills needed to fill those positions.

The Committee of 100 supports public education – both traditional and charter schools. In our view, the institutional format is less important than the instructional format and underlying philosophy. Delaware needs more STEM education and more project-based learning. We believe having a school dedicated to those propositions will be a valuable addition to public education in Delaware and an important contributor to our future economic health. We hope you will continue to support the Delaware STEM Academy.

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**From:** Michelle Grove <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 11:32 AM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Michelle Grove

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**Public Comment:** We are very excited to have our son, Caulten Cleveland registered to attend the Delaware STEM Academy. This school is offering an excellent learning opportunity for children in Delaware. Our son is looking forward to a school that is STEM based. All schools incorporate STEM into their curriculum and now we have this great opportunity to implement it every day all day!!! This school will absolutely be an asset to students in Delaware. This school will prepare students with the skills needed to succeed in STEM based positions, which will also help our community thrive. Everyone involved is very passionate and ready to take on this new adventure with our students. Please give our children this opportunity to experience such an exciting and needed learning environment!

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**From:** Rachelle Wilson <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 10:10 AM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** Delaware STEM Formal Review Public Comment

**Name:** Rachelle Wilson

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**Public Comment:** My son will be attending STEM academy for the 2016/2017 school year. I fully believe that STEM will provide my son the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to succeed in life. We are excited to experience a different way of learning and to be perfectly honest I don't believe "traditional" learning is for everyone. STEM has my full support!!!